

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated April 7, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1 and 4 have been amended, and claims 2, 3 and 5-41 were previously canceled. Claims 1 and 4 remain pending in this application.

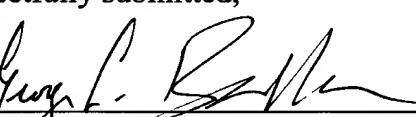
In the Office Action, claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1 and 4 have been amended to more clearly define the present invention. Applicant, respectfully asserts that the present amendments overcome the rejection of claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and therefore are allowable.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.*

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